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We are opposed to nationalism and other artificial divisions of the working class. However, we are also anti-imperialists and as such support oppressed peoples in their struggles of national liberation providing that they maintain a revolutionary leftist character. At the same time we bear in mind that this is not our ideal situation, as our wish is not to see the emergence of more states and borders but instead a stateless, classless society based on the principals of mutual aid, direct democracy, freely federated community structures, and workers self-management.

To this end we justify and encourage the pursuit of the class war, including but not limited to, direct action, workplace sabotage, property damage, mass confrontation, and civil disobedience. We believe that the issue of revolutionary violence should be viewed from a tactical standpoint rather than an ideological one. This said, we believe that the creation of a “culture of resistance,” where the state and all other enemies of the working class are at no time safe, is an essential aspect of any social movement, serving to empower people as well as creating an atmosphere ideal for class warfare.

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# NEWS AND REPORTS



## 4 ARRESTED AT NYC LEONARD PELTIER MARCH

Four people were arrested at a march demanding freedom for American Indian political prisoner Leonard Peltier in New York on Saturday, December 9.

The four, who were part of the large black bloc presence at the demonstration of over 2,000 people marching to demand freedom for Leonard Peltier, were arrested after police officers targeted one person in the black bloc who was holding a bull-horn. When police moved in to arrest him, several other members of the black bloc jumped in to un-arrest him and where themselves arrested. According to witnesses at the scene, the man was not even using the bullhorn, as the march was intended to be silent.

After the march a group of approximately 70 people, mainly black bloc and DAN (Direct Action Network) headed to the police station to demand freedom for the arrested comrades, who are being charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and obstructing governmental administration. Their identities have been made public, however we are choosing to not print them here as we feel nobody really needs to know.

These recent events are yet another example of the police tactic that has come to be termed as "activist profiling." Essentially, more "radical" elements of movements or demonstrations are purposefully targeted by the police, in most cases this has meant black

bloc anarchists, in an effort to create divisions between them and other groups by pinning blame for incidents on the "radicals." Unfortunately, many activists seem to be falling for this, leading to, for example, some very regrettable comments from one of the Peltier march speakers, Peter Mathiessen, who criticized anarchists for "bringing violence into the march." It must however be noted that the LPDC was supportive of the arrested anarchists.

Several black bloc members also stated that during the march they were asked by the "peacekeepers" to de-mask and subject to heavy-handed treatment on behalf of these same "peacekeepers," such as shoving and the breaking of flag-poles.

It is through actions such as these that not only is division and mistrust created within the movement, but the focus of events is carried away from what it should be, which in this case is the demand for Freedom For Leonard Peltier, and towards the endless discussion about anarchists, tactics, the black bloc, etc. Unfortunately, many activists still seem unable to deal with the fact that we do not all share the same tactics and viewpoints. However, that in no way means that we cannot work together, especially in situations, such as the Peltier

march, where all people are doing is marching together as a bloc and showing that they represent something more than mere numbers for a cause, that however justified and noble, is in the end reformist, yet in no way disrespecting the purpose of the march.

In addition, many of the activists who are the first to pounce on anarchists who choose to wear black or cover their faces, also seem to be the first ones to forget that anarchists, of all stripes, have been involved in the Peltier movement for many years now, taking part in coalitions, organizing marches, informing about Leonard Peltier's situation in the anarchist press, or just showing solidarity by attending demonstrations.

Finally, there was also a demonstration for Leonard Peltier in Minneapolis, during which over 1,000 people braved a wind chill factor of -29 to show their solidarity with Leonard Peltier and his family.

### Nicolas, Barricada Collective

Three of those arrested in the New York Peltier March will go on trial January 29th at 9:30 am at 100 Centre St., NYC, N.

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Demonstrators at the Freedom For Leonard Peltier March in New York



## NEWS AND REPORTS

### PHILADELPHIA POLICE COMMISSIONER JOHN TIMONEY: TONGUE TIED, CONFUSED, AND BOMBED IN BOSTON

On Thursday December 7th and Friday December 8th Police Commissioner John Timoney was in Boston to take part in several panel discussions on the theme of "Police, Race, and Community" at the Harvard School of Government and was met with dozens of protestors, as well as stink bombs.

On Friday, while Timoney was participating in a panel discussion along with Boston Police Commissioner Evans and the Cambridge Police Commissioner he was repeatedly interrupted by people in a group of approximately 35 who reproached the Philadelphia Police Department's, and Commissioner Timoney's, role in the fatal police shooting of Thomas Jones as well as the behavior of the Philadelphia police department during the protests against the Republican National Convention.

During the protests over 400 people were arrested, including several who have been charged with felonies.

One person, who was jailed for 10 days following the protests, confronted Timoney about the widespread allegations of torture inside Philadelphia's prisons, allegations to which Commissioner Timoney could respond only by looking the other way while saying, "that never happened."

In addition, during the question and answer session of the panel discussion several members of the audience asked Commissioner Timoney questions regarding Republican National Convention events as well as the police murder of Thomas Jones. However, whenever faced with a direct question about these events, the most the Commissioner could muster up was, "I don't understand the question."

The one exception to the rule was when a member of the audience asked why, of the over one dozen suggestions formally handed

to the Philadelphia police department by citizen's groups as to how to decrease incidents of police brutality which lead to events such as the murder of Thomas Jones, the Commissioner responded by saying that while he was not familiar with that particular case he would like to point out that "incidents of police shootings are not as common as you make them out to be." Interesting to note that, even though they are "uncommon," the Commissioner is not familiar with one of the recent "few."

Afterwards, an unidentified group of people followed the group of Police Commissioners as they headed to a dinner reception. Once there, stink bombs were thrown inside the room, in the hallway, and on the floor below, to further stress the point that in Boston, or wherever else he goes, Commissioner Timoney is not welcome.

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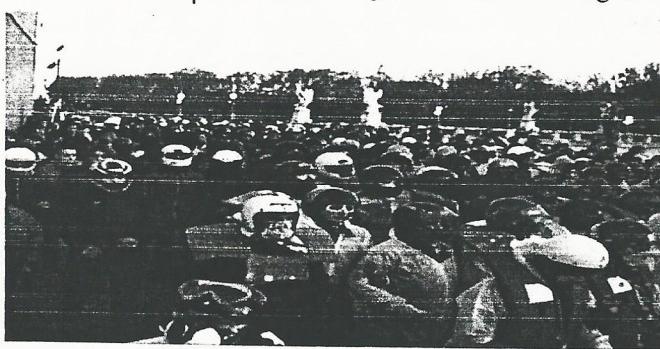
### ANTI-FASCISTS CLASH WITH POLICE IN THE VATICAN

Demonstrators confronted the church, fascism, and the police as they battled with riot policemen who were protecting a ceremony involving Pope John Paul II and Austrian Prime Minister Jorge Haider when they attempted to storm the ceremony.

The clashes, which are considered to be among the most violent in the Pope's 22 year reign, began when protestors stormed police barricades in order to gain access to St. Peter Square, where Haider was having a Christmas tree lighting ceremony with

top ranking Vatican officials.

Large sectors of the crowd of approximately 3,000 people, mainly from leftist organizations, including the



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well protected Tutti Bianche, attacked the police and the barricades with bricks, stones, and sticks, which were met by

batons and tear gas from the riot police.

Five policemen were injured in the clashes and no details have been released as of yet as to injuries to demonstrators.

Meanwhile, Haider, who has already made repeated anti-semitic statements and has expressed a liking for Nazism once again showed his strong anti-semitic tendencies. After being told that Jewish shopkeepers were turning off their store lights in protest, he responded by saying, ""If they want to save money on their electric bills, let them do it." No comment necessary.

**Nicolas  
Barricada Collective**

# NEWS AND REPORTS



## A Statement from The Barricada Collective On the Anti-Sweatshop Protest at Niketown and the Gap

A gathering of about a hundred anti-sweatshop protestors and activists met at the Gap and Nike-town stores located at the posh Newbury Street of Boston on December 16th.

In the hope of voicing their concern regarding the poor conditions of the workers of these two major clothing apparel companies, the protestors gave out fliers, chanted anti-sweatshop songs, blocked the entrance to the stores and conducted other forms of peaceful demonstration. Braving the cold, they held out for a couple of hours at opposite ends of the street in an attempt to raise awareness among the numerous Christmas shoppers walking up and down the street. While some people showed some interest and accepted fliers from the protestors, others simply eluded the crowd and entered the stores anyways.

At one point several people in the crowd began to chant "What goes around, comes around; Let's Burn Niketown to the Ground," only to be met with a hail of insults and desperate cries to stop the chants. In addition, when the police arrived

several of this same group began to chant "Sweatshop Army" in reference to the police, and were again silenced.

To further demonstrate the lack of a broader analysis that some single-issue activists have, one in the audience replied, "it's not about the cops, it's about the sweatshops," before leading others in inviting police to join the protests. The obvious question that one has to ask is, can we really



work with such people? People who can't even see the link between capitalism and the repressive forces of the state, which is essentially what this boils down to. We aren't saying yes or no, but believe it is something to be taken into account and considered.

We understand that it may seem to many that we at Barricada are being redundant in our constant complaints over this, but we feel that there are several issues that cannot be stressed enough.

First is the fact that a good deal of activists still feel that for some reason or another, they have the right to tell others what is and what isn't acceptable at demonstrations. This sort of moral authoritarianism should no longer be tolerated by anti-authoritarians, and authoritarian pacifists should be

shown that, just as we don't tolerate taking orders from cops or peacekeepers, we won't tolerate taking orders from them.

Secondly, we should begin to analyze the effectiveness of protests of this sort. This is not to say that rallies and gatherings as such are not effective, to the contrary, we firmly believe that they are. But if the people who attend them refuse to use our strength in numbers when we gather, even to the point of stopping others when they attempt to do so, then we might as well just distribute fliers whenever we feel the urge to, rather than taking the effort to assemble large crowds.

We at Barricada feel that if revolutionaries, anti-authoritarians, and other anti-capitalists begin to fall back into the age old rut of standing around holding signs now that the "movement" in the US is stronger than its been in years, we seriously run the risk of alienating people and falling back into the proverbial margins of society. We mustn't forget that direct action, means just that, it does not mean standing around with signs chastising others.

**For a Direct Attack on Capitalism and its Lackeys  
For Class War and Revolution**

**The Barricada Collective**





## EU SUMMIT IN NICE: BORDERS FOR ACTIVISTS BUT NOT FOR REPRESSION AS THOUSANDS CONFRONT EU SUMMIT

Thousands of activists, ranging from reformist unionists, to pacifists, to revolutionary unionists, to anarchists, to Basque radicals, filled the streets of Nice on December 6th and 7th in order to oppose the summit of European Union leaders and demonstrate in favor of a different future for Europe and the world.

On Thursday, over 70,000 people, primarily trade unionists from all over Europe, demonstrated against the so-called "European Charter of Rights," which they deem to be an insufficient guarantor of basic rights. Among the 70,000 demonstrators was a 10,000 strong block of revolutionaries, mainly revolutionary unionists, with delegations from the French CNT, the Spanish CGT, the German FAU, and other groups.

While 70,000 people were demonstrating in Nice, Fortress Europe was keeping faithful to its true colors, showing that when they speak of pulling down barriers and removing borders, they are referring only to capital and its interests, not people, particularly not people with voices of dissent.

On Thursday night, 2,000 Italians, who had paid their train tickets and had all the necessary paperwork to cross a border that theoretically the Schengen accords have eliminated, were blocked by hundreds of Italian riot police at Vintimiglia. Negotiations between border authorities and the delegation of primarily Tutti Bianche ensued for over a day and a half, during which those blocked at the border had to sleep in the trains. Eventually it was decided to march to the French consulate. Once arriving they were greeted yet again with legions of riot police as well as clubs and tear gas. Fortunately the Tutti Bianche were well armed and able to resist. Eight peo-



**Clashes at the French Italian Border: Cops in Distress**

ple, one with a broken shoulder, and five policemen were injured in the clashes.

After the large union march in Nice a radical group of about 3,000 broke off from the demonstration and headed to the train station to show solidarity with the Italian comrades, resulting in battles with police at the station. In addition, a group of twenty Spaniards who managed to sneak past the border in solidarity with the blocked Italians was not allowed back into France. Only after lengthy negotiations were they allowed to travel, under police escort, to Marseille. Once again, the freedom to circulate in Europe shows itself to be a farce.

Meanwhile, already early Friday morning, the approximately 5,000 revolutionaries who did not return home after the mainstream union demonstration were battling French riot police in Nice. This number would have been much larger, but the Free Train Initiatives were smashed by French riot police. Hundreds of demonstrators in Bordeaux, Paris, and Nantes, as well as other cities, who had been told that the train stations

would be free of ticket controllers, were met by hundreds of riot police blocking access to the trains. Several people were arrested and several were injured in the clashes between demonstrators and police that took place in cities across France.

Those who did make it however were mainly from the reformist ATTAC, Basque radicals, the parliamentary organizations Revolutionary Communist League and Worker's Struggle, anarchists of all stripes, and Marxists of all stripes. The plan for blocking the summit Friday morning, discussed the night before at the large gymnasium occupied by demonstrators, involved organizing two separate blocks to converge on the "Acropolis" fortress where the EU leaders were meeting, each coming from an opposite direction.

The blocs began forming at around 7 a.m. By the time the demonstrators reached the police barricades it became obvious that given the weak numbers of the riot police who stood behind the metal barricades their defense plan consisted of vast amounts of

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tear gas and rubber bullets. The main charge on the police barricades, which was however only one of several, was carried out by the security services of the Revolutionary Communist League with the support of anarchists and Basque radicals. Unfortunately the charges were halted by the heavy tear gas clouds on the way.

After several charges back and forth demonstrators began to disperse into smaller groups, essentially abandoning the idea of blocking the summit, but turning their attention to banks and multinationals in the vicinity, as well as scattered groups of police. This resulted in dozens of injured policemen, as well as a great deal of shattered windows of car dealerships, temp agencies, and the like. In addition, a branch of the National Bank of Paris was set on fire. Some more experienced groups of demonstrators began to build barricades, but none were held very long as the idea was to remain mobile.

By the mid afternoon things had settled down once again with most of the demonstrators regrouping at the occupied gymnasium. There it was learned that some demonstrators who had been arrested were being held at the police station which was only a few hundred meters away. A solidarity demo set out for the police station, only to be met with tear gas grenades even before arriving.

Following this the police surrounded the gymnasium, trapping about 3,000 people inside and dispersing another 500 who were outside with the help of a water cannon. This was essentially the last major confrontation of the summit, as that same night most demonstrators returned home, with some going to Monaco for a protest against tax havens.

Unfortunately the Nice mobilization was not the success it had been hoped it would have been, for a variety of reasons. First, and most likely most important, is the fact that the state re-

pression went into effect before the demonstrations even started with the repression of the free train initiatives and the blocking of the 2,000 Italian demonstrators at the French border. This probably cost the blockading effort at least 3,000 people, if not more, and that is no small number.

Secondly, the fact that the mainstream unions chose to fill the streets and then leave the night before the beginning of the summit. While nobody expected them to participate in the blockade, it would be fair to assume that had they still been there a lot of rank and file militants would have participated and helped to swell the ranks of the blockade.

Finally, from what people who were in Nice are commenting it is becoming fairly evident that the organizational aspect of the mobilization was somewhat lacking. Only one meeting place, no secondary rallying points in case of dispersal, conflicts between organizations and strategies, and the likes.

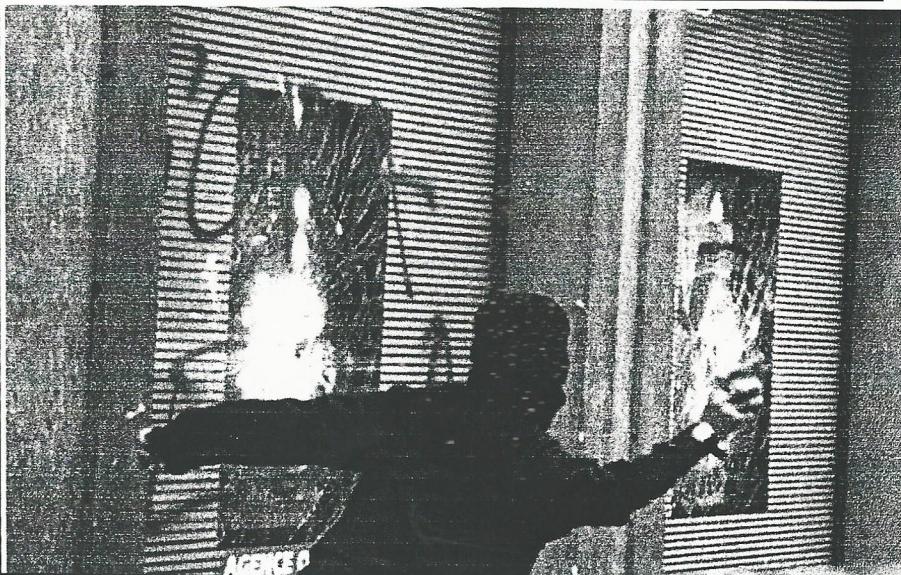
However, it would not be fair to say that the mobilizations were a failure, by any means. It was a great example of revolutionaries putting aside their

differences and acting together for a common cause, and the sight of anarchists, Basque radicals, and Marxists together on the battlefield is one those who where there will not soon forget. In addition, thousands of dollars of damage were inflicted on capitalists, and the world's leaders, in this case Europe, were once again shown that everywhere they go they will need an army of policemen to protect them. And when we talk of creating an atmosphere ideal for class war and making the enemies of the people feel unsafe, rest assured that, apart from the every day acts of class warfare, events like Nice and Prague are what we are referring to.

Next Stops: Barcelona and Gothenburg, June 2001  
No Justice, No Peace

**Nicolas  
Barricada Collective**

## Temporary Employment Agency Under Attack in Nice



# INTERNATIONAL ANARCHIST STATEMENT FOR EU SUMMIT

**AGAINST THE EUROPE OF CAPITALISM, SEXISM AND XENOPHOBIA!**

## **AGAINST THE CAPITALIST GLOBALIZATION! INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY!**

The summit of the European Union in Nice (France) is similar to all the previous steps in the building of this institution. It is prepared regardless of or even against the expectations of the majority of citizens. It is an institution designed to protect and help capitalism, its globalization, productivism and stock exchange as the only rule over the world. Today in Nice, the European Union must vote on a "Charter of fundamental rights" which is a real backward step for rights and freedom. The rights which we obtained through decades of struggles of workers and citizens for freedom, justice and dignity will be simply suppressed in order to give satisfaction to employers, increase their profits and reinforce the exploitation of workers. It will align all European social laws on the basis of the worst ones.

Furthermore this new capitalist attack does not only involve western Europe. It supports and legitimatises all the similar attacks over the world, already carried out or to be carried out. Europe fully partakes in the plundering of poor countries, through debt, economic and environmental looting and financial transfers. Therefore this worsening of the European capitalists policy will also affect these countries. It threatens eastern Europe countries whose rulers want to join the European Union.

Fortress Europe is also guilty of a new kind of slavery with the exploitation of so-called "illegal" migrants. They are forced to migrate because of the plunder of their countries. They are deprived of rights so that they become a flexible and completely exploitable labour power for the European employers who can throw away these workers after having squeezed them dry.

We anarchist activists from Europe and all over the world struggle daily for a society that is completely different to the one enjoyed by the European Union or the other capitalist institutions. In Seattle we fought the WTO, In Prague we opposed the IMF and the World Bank and in Quebec in April 2001 we will demonstrate against the American Summit.

We want a society based on equality, a classless society, without sexism and racism, in which everyone contributes to the overall wealth according to their abilities and from which everyone receives according to their needs. We want a free society that is really democratic, in which production is self-managed by workers, in which everyone can move and settle where they want with respect to their political, social and economical rights. We want a society in which we all stand together, without borders. We want a world where freedom, justice and dignity are reality.

For freedom, for equality, in order for all to stand together, a revolution needs to be made!

Signed: Al Badil al Taharouri (Lebanon), Alternative Libertaire (France), Büro gegen finstere Zeiten (Switzerland), CAT/ASW (Belgium), Confederacion General del Trabajo (Spain), En la Calle (Argentina), FAUCH Schweiz Regional gruppen (Switzerland), Federaçao Anarquista Gaucha (Brazil), Federazione dei Comunisti Anarchici (Italia), Kulturbetz Alpenrosti (Switzerland), No Pasaran ! (France), Northeastern Federation of Anarcho-Communists / Fédération des Communistes Libertaires du Nord-Est (USA & Canada), Organización Socialista Libertaria (Argentina), Organisation socialiste libertaire (Switzerland), Solidarita Organizace Revolucnich Anarchistu (Czech Republic), Rote Nudel (Switzerland), Sacco & Vanzetti Records (Switzerland), Workers Solidarity Movement (Ireland)



# NAZIS BLOODED AND POLICE CARS SMASHED AS HUNDREDS CONFRONT THE KLAN AND COPS IN SKOKIE, ILLINOIS



On Saturday, December 16th, the Ku Klux Klan rallied briefly at Cook County Courthouse in Skokie, Illinois. Despite the city's pleas for people to stay home and ignore the "White Pride" rally, 700+ people fought back against fascism, and not only of the kind involving Klansmen.

Groups of people began to gather at about 11:00 a.m., to prepare for a counter-action to the KKK's plan to rally at 1:00 p.m.. A great diversity of backgrounds and creeds was easily visible; with Skokie community members mingling with Anti-Racist Action, and working along side Anarchist youth, the Jewish Defense League, the International Socialist Organization, Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice, the Progressive Labor Party, Palestinian defense groups, among others. It was not an entirely positive crowd though, as known white supremacists and undercover cops were discovered and confronted the whole afternoon long.

Early on in the event, suspicious-looking characters were offered ARA stickers. This aided in fishing out "lone wolves," Klan-sympathizers attempting to infiltrate the crowd to cause trouble. Positively identified White Supremacists were asked to leave; later on they were not treated so politely. One such event involved a man who opened his jacket to reveal a Hitler T-Shirt. He was promptly pummeled with snowballs and fists, resulting in the arrests of two protestors. Ironically, while this happened, a school bus full of White Supremacists made its way into the opposite end of the courthouse, and people prepared for the Klan to begin.

It seemed old divisions might spring up and complicate matters. Tension between Palestinian support groups and the Jewish Defense League were expected, but barely surfaced and were dealt with quickly. Authoritarian Leftists, often criticized for vanguardist attempts to co-opts events, were able to assist in direct action by keeping watch when the Klan emerged from the Courthouse and work very well in a broad-based direct action structure. Today's focus was aimed directly at fascism, and it was a beautiful thing to see everyone and every group understand that.

When the Klan did arrive on the front steps, one group of chanting protestors alerted the more militant people of the Klan's presence. Black-clad anarchists ("For unity and protection," stated one) and other

activists made their way to the front, and conflict at a makeshift police line began. Police used attack dogs, batons, a few riot shields and horses to secure the Klan's rally. For their often fascist defense of the hate groups speaking, the police were rewarded with a constant barrage of snowballs (and horse manure at one point), two damaged squad car windows, and various other smaller infractions upon state property.

All of this was on the outside of the protest pen, an area where protestors had to be searched to enter, but were allowed closer access to the Klan. The activity inside the protest pen was where the final straw broke the Klan-camel's back. After being pelted by snowballs for an hour or so by people inside the pen, the Klan were rushed by activists and in conjunction with the other militant events and numbers their opposition had turned out, decided to end their rally, thus being SHUT DOWN. Things were far from over, however, as the master race still had to escape the area.

A few either ignorant, stupid, or cocky boneheads were spotted in the crowd at this point. Knowing them for the threat they were, masses of people confronted the boneheads, who left bloodied and bruised.

Intermittent police riots and brutality were spotted throughout the day's events. People in the wrong place at the wrong time were beaten with clubs, threatened with death by policemen ("Move or die!"), and trampled by horses. All of this done by police who wore no nametags, no badges- and thus no badge numbers- which is illegal and will hopefully be followed up on.

Twenty-one people were known as arrested at the time of writing, with twenty being anti-racists and the odd one out being the bonehead who hid in the courthouse for an hour after being legally released, too afraid to walk out past the anti-racists outside waiting for others to

be released.

Apparently the arrests of protestors were with the mindset of 'Pick off the troublemakers and let them out in a few hours with bogus charges.' as did occur. Two people were rammed by a squad car and then arrested. One person was arrested for demanding badge numbers after having an officer nearly break his wrist. A few people were arrested in conjunction with the rushing of the Klan in the protest pen, and a few onlookers were taken into custody seemingly at random.

Overall, this action was quite successful. Not only was the Klan actually shut down, but groups from across the political spectrum- from JDL all the way to the Anarchists- were able to show mutual respect for each other's strategies and stand in solidarity against the KKK. December 16th will be yet another tarnishing mark on the rusty, useless armor that is White Pride.

It may be some time before the Klansmen dare show their hoods in public again. They've seen time and time again that people are not willing to go along with the idea of ignoring their presence.

So back to their caves they go. When they eventually resurface, there will even more passionate, strong, and diverse resistance- following in the example of Skokie- waiting to shut them down.

Until the last Klansmen rests eternally alongside the last cop,  
Insurgency Media

Bloodied Nazi, Protected by Cops



# THE MASS MEDIA: TOOL OF THE RULING CLASS STOP THE PANDERING, DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES

Not to sound arrogant or anything, but it could easily be argued that revolutionaries are people with, amongst other things, a keen eye when it comes to shams. We refuse to believe that the US is the savior of democracy. We refuse to believe that the police exist to "protect and serve" anybody except the ruling class. We refuse to believe that the state is, as some say "the highest development of human organization" and keeps us all from slaughtering each other. And, probably most importantly in this day and age, we refuse to believe the lie that tells us that neo-liberalism is the only way and that we have arrived at the "end of history." Yet, there is a reason why we are revolutionaries rather than hopeless cynics, and that is that we subject the concepts and institutions that we oppose not only to criticism, but we work to undermine them by proposing ideas and alternatives.

Yet there is one institution which, for one reason or another, many revolutionaries unfortunately seem to still place a great deal of trust in, and that is the media. Of all the things that should be crystal clear to any and all independently thinking, class-struggle oriented anti-capitalists, it is that pandering to the media (by toning down language, by refraining from doing things because of possible negative media interpretation, or whatever else) is illogical and self-defeating providing we accept one simple premise. So let's give it a try and see if we

agree...

## Corrections

**Because of an editing error, an article in some editions of Business Day yesterday about the new law firm of Myerson & Kohn incorrectly described the financial status of Booth, Marcus & Pierce, a law firm whose partners joined the new firm. Booth Marcus and Pierce specialized in bankruptcy; it was not bankrupt.**

**An article in The Living Section yesterday about duck research misidentified a center that serves as a kind of "fat farm" for ducks. It is the Cornell University Duck Research Laboratory in Eastport, L.I.**

**The New York Times regrets that since the purchase of the paper in 1896 by Adolph S. Ochs its editors have presented a distorted view of American and world history due to the fact that they are part of the ideological superstructure of US and world capitalism. They would hope to do better after the social revolution and beg their readers' indulgence until that time.**

The media, and more precisely the newsmedia, claims to be objective, merely observing and reporting

events. However, journalists are after all, wage slaves just the same as everybody else. They are wage slaves, and they know where their paychecks come from. They come from the owners of the newspapers and magazines that they work for, and with the cost of owning a mass-media outlet in this society where the only barrier to free speech is having a few million dollars lying around, or as Henry Morgan once said, "any man with ambition, integrity-and 10,000,000 dollars can start a daily newspaper," those owners are always, without exception, representatives of the upper class. As representatives of the upper class, they naturally defend the interests of their class. Yet while those who control the mass media may be our class enemies, they are by no means stupid, and are well aware that they must present an air of objectiveness and legitimacy, despite the fact that the first thing a journalist is taught is that objectiveness is a myth.

However, the fact that they attempt to portray themselves as objective by no means makes it true, and it is unfortunate that no matter how many times the mainstream media proves this to us, there are still those among us who refuse to see the media for what they are. The examples are endless. The defamation of anarchists as deformed and deranged bomb throwers during the propaganda by the deed period. The slandering of unions and the labor movement as "unions of thugs and miscreants bent on disruption" as one newspaper once put it. The whip-

## **Newspapers: "Half ads and the other half lies between the ads" FIGHT BACK, INFORM YOURSELF**

ping up of anti-communist frenzy during the cold war. The constant misrepresentation of progressive movements, whether they be anarchist or Marxist. The inherent tendency to take the side of the status quo in all controversies. One could go on and on for hours. So why is it that so many otherwise perfectly coherent revolutionaries are so shocked and outraged when mass-media outlets do not accurately portray the views, motivations, or goals of movements that run contrary to the interests of the upper class? Most likely, it is because many still think that all this is somehow the result of communication problems and honest mistakes, which, while a pleasant thought, is an a-historical viewpoint and borderline delusional.

Unfortunately, this is not the harmless delusion many seem to

view it as, because the result of this is that people who trust the mass media also tend to feel the need to pander to the mass media. This results in changing tactics, focuses, and words, all in order to attract, or at least not scare off, the mass media. Yet, the most dangerous consequence of this line of thinking is that in many cases, it leads to the division of movements, as media friendly elements often seek to distance themselves from movements that, for one reason or another, they believe will earn them bad press.

It is time that people realize that we have absolutely nothing to gain from pandering to the mass media, as they are inherently our class enemies. They have never, and will never, give positive and accurate coverage to movements that challenge their livelihoods and those

they serve. The truth is that the mainstream media today is not there to tell objective truths but to sell, maximize profits, and serve as mouthpiece for the status quo. It is for that precise reason that we must not only continue to work on developing independent media outlets, such as the Independent Media Centers for example, or any other independent revolutionary outlets, but also begin to see the mainstream media as the enemy that it is, and treat it with the same contempt we treat other pillars of the society we are so opposed to.

**Nicolas  
Barricada Collective**

## **BLACK IS OUR SORROW**

## **RED IS OUR FURY**

During the mid-afternoon of Sunday, December 17th, in Madrid's Atocha railway station, while some comrades from the CNT builders union were handing out fliers as part of the campaign against the Labor Reform, one of them was attacked, without having given any sort of provocation at all, by an individual who was given a flier.

The aggressor, apparently a tramp, attacked the CNT militant by hitting him and knocking him to the ground, fleeing immediately after exclaiming, "this is a piece of shit." The attack was witnessed by the customers and waiters of the cafeteria outside of which the events took place. A friend of the aggressor was retained by a union member and has been identified. The assassin, who was apparently drunk at the time, later turned himself in to the police.

The victim, whose identity we do not yet know, had no chance to defend himself and entered the Madrid Doce de Octubre Hospital already clinically dead. He died at 22.30 Spanish time on Sunday December 17th.

We at Barricada would like to wish the family of the deceased strength in this difficult time and remind them that the hearts and minds of revolutionaries around the world are with them.

**The Barricada Collective**

Messages of solidarity can be left at [www.cnt.es](http://www.cnt.es)



# PRISONER SOLIDARITY

## ANARCHIST PRISONERS' LEGAL AID NETWORK

The Anarchist Prisoners' Legal Aid Network is a prisoner-guided initiative, formed to provide legal aid and outside support for imprisoned anarchists. We believe that anarchists need to support those who are arrested and already in jail. This isn't always easy, yet is a challenge our movement needs to taken on.

There are dozens of anarchists in prison, many of whom face abuses by prison authorities. Some are held in segregation units with violent white supremacists, who are a threat to their lives. We can fight repres-

sive action taken against anarchist prisoners, but it will take effort from inside and outside the prisons to do this.

Anarchist prisoners can contribute to struggles on the outside, but need outside contact to do this. APLAN aims to facilitate these efforts and thus strengthen anarchist practice as a whole.

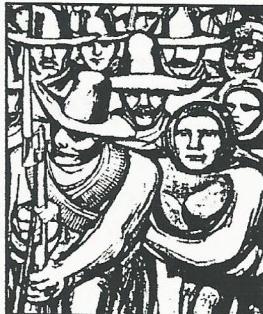
We hope to provide sound legal advice and aid for anarchist prisoners. This support for imprisoned comrades is not based upon respect for the judicial apparatus, but is provided in the spirit of mutual aid

and solidarity in struggle. The sharing of research material and resources will be an immediate goal. We welcome contact with those who have specific knowledge of legal matters.

We hope for broad involvement, in multiform ways, from throughout the anarchist movement. Write for information about current activities and how to get involved.

**APLAN**  
818 SW 3rd Avenue  
PMB #354  
Portland OR 97204  
USA

## ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION



## SUPPORT THE WAR CHEST PROGRAM

For six years, the Anarchist Black Cross Federation has organized nonsectarian support for Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War in the United States. The goal it set forth was simple: give real-life, measurable support to those who gave their lives in the quest for freedom. The ABC Federation initiated the War Chest program in November 1994. Its purpose is to collect monthly funds from groups and individual supporters, and send that money to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War via monthly checks. It has provided consistent and reliable financial aid serving a much-neglected function. As Sekou Odinga (a POW currently receiving a monthly check) writes, "After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like (people) have all of a sudden realized that I am alive."

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One time Donation     Monthly Supporter

If you'll be a monthly supporter, please check one of the following:  I'll Commit to 6 Months     I'll Commit to 1 Year    Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Send to: Jacksonville ABC-BG 4204 Herschel St. #20, Jacksonville, FL 32210**

### ALSO ON THE ABCF AGENDA

#### Emergency Response Network

The ERN addresses prison situations calling for response, such as lock-downs, punitive transfers, action for Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, political prosecutions, criminal justice issues and more. To receive ERN alerts, send a blank email to abc-ern-subscribe@egroups.com. To submit a prison alert for action by the ERN, contact Houston ABC-SG, P.O. Box 667233, Houston, TX 77266-7233 or email alerts to abc-ern@egroups.com.



#### People of Color Caucus

A People of Color Caucus is forming and welcomes participation by revolutionaries of color. Contact Houston ABC-SG at the address above or email ernesto@houstonabc.org.

#### Start an ABCF group

Get involved! \$10 for a starter kit to Jacksonville ABC-BG, 4204 Herschel St. #20, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

**See us online @ <http://www.abcf.net>**

# POLITICAL PRISONERS



## Solidarity for Rob Los Ricos, at Oregon State Penitentiary

Our friend and ally Rob los Ricos (Robert Thaxton) has been sent to the hole at Oregon State Penitentiary. At the time of writing, we do not know why this has happened - prison officials are not being forthcoming with information. We have been told that Rob can still receive mail, but have not received anything from him for over two weeks. Rob has been in the hole since November 15th, and could remain there for up to six months. We desperately need to know more about this, and will disseminate whatever information we discover, as a first step towards an appropriate response.

In the meantime, calls inquiring about Rob's situation may be directed to the OSP authorities at (503) 378 2453. Please forward any available documentation or data to

APLAN (please email to dnagation@aol.com as well). Also, you may write to Rob:  
Robert Thaxton #12112716  
OSP  
2605 State St.  
Salem, OR  
97310

Please be conscious of what you write to Rob at this delicate time and its possible repercussions. About Rob los Ricos: Rob los Ricos (AKA Robert Thaxton) is an anarchist with a long history of agitation. His writing have appeared in publications such as Anarchy - a Journal of Desire Armed and Fifth Estate.

On June 18th, 1999 protests against the global economy and corporate ecocide erupted throughout the world. In London, a mess was made of the financial district. In Eugene, Oregon, a Reclaim the Streets party turned to a riot with the

help of the police, who fired tear gas at dispersing protesters.

Rob is currently serving a 88 month sentence for defending himself during the Eugene protests, as a cop charged towards him, Rob threw a rock at him in an effort to escape. Rob's two day trial was characterized by police lies and a heavy anti-anarchist bias. Rob was finally declared guilty of Assault II and Riot. His sentencing was equally dire, as Judge Bearden demanded that Rob serve the 70-month mandatory minimum sentence for Assault II before starting on the 18 months he received for Riot.

From the Anarchist Prisoners' Legal Aid Network APLAN  
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## TWO MORE EUGENE ANARCHISTS JAILED

Free and Critter have each been charged with two counts of Arson in the First Degree, Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, Unlawful manufacture of an Destructive device, Unlawful Possession of a Destructive Device, and

Manufacture of a bomb, among other charges.

They are now risking years of jail time after facing a jury of "their peers." One of these "peers" said she was intimidated by the defendants and was dis-

missed. However, she apparently spoke to several other jurors, and they were not dismissed.

Free and critter have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

**Solidarity With Our Comrades**



-Jeffrey Luers (Free) #1306729  
Craig Marshall (Critter) #1340996  
101 W. 5th Street, Eugene, Oregon 97401  
Organize a benefit and/or donate money for their legal defense, their jail fund for stamps and collect calls to jail support, so they can receive moral support from friends. Please send money to:  
-O.U.R. Credit Union c/o Free and Critter Legal Defense Fund P.O. Box 11922 Eugene, OR 97440

# MOBILIZATION

## POOR PEOPLE'S DAY

**February 7th and 8th in the State Capitol - Atlanta, Georgia**

Attention activists,

Join us on February 7th and 8th for Poor People's Day. Poor People's Day is an annual convergence of activists at the capitol of Georgia to protest the economic disparity and class oppression perpetuated by the state of Georgia on its people.

Agenda:

*Day One* is an education day featuring workshops on a variety of issues including:

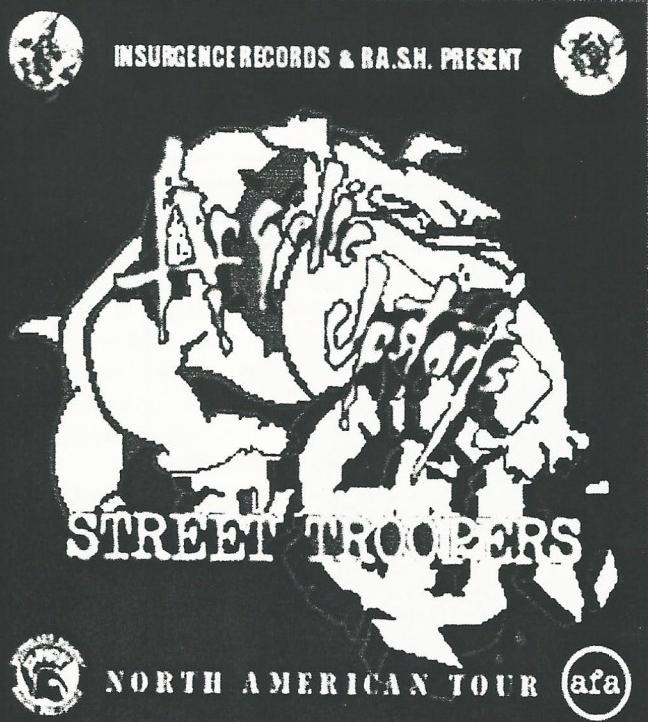
The prison industrial complex, The consequences of TANF, Gentrification, Housing and the criminalization of the poor, Call for universal healthcare, Racism and Globalization

*Day Two* is the action day that would include speakers:

A march on the State capitol of Georgia, Direct action activities focusing on demands to raise the Georgia State Minimum Wage, and an end to the racist Georgia State flag, extending the limit on TANF (Over 3000 Families will be cut off the welfare roles), exempting students from TANF time restrictions

-Organized by the Up and Out of Poverty Now! Coalition, Project South, Empty the Shelters, and the Georgia Citizen's Coalition on Hunger.

For more info, contact Project South at (404) 622-0602 or Empty the Shelters at (404) 589-1333.  
Coming soon <http://poorpeopleday.cjb.net>



For more information and to confirm dates:  
<http://www.antifa.net/insurgence/mainevent.html>

## ANGELIC UPSTARTS/ STREET TROOPERS NORTH AMERICAN TOUR 2001

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### WEST COAST TOUR DATES:

Friday, Jan. 26 SAN FRANCISCO - The Justice League  
TBA - Angelic Upstarts

Saturday, Jan. 27 CORONA - Showcase Theatre  
TBA - Angelic Upstarts

Sunday, Jan. 28 HOLLYWOOD - The Whiskey  
TBA - Angelic Upstarts

Thursday, Feb. 1 NEW YORK CITY - CBGB's  
TBA - Street Troopers - Angelic Upstarts

Saturday, Feb. 3 NEW HAVEN, CT - Tune Inn  
TBA - Street Troopers - Angelic Upstarts

Sunday, Feb. 4 BOSTON - Middle East  
TBA - Street Troopers - Angelic Upstarts

# MOBILIZATION

## UNITED ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN BLOC AGAINST THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

The "Revolutionary Anti-Authoritarian Bloc" plans to take part in a variety of actions during inauguration day. For a variety of reasons, we cannot at this time disclose the details for all the events planned for the course of January 20th. For the moment the initial assembly point is around the large Class War banner that will be at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th St. NW. However, amongst other things, there is currently talk of a march which will start earlier than the International Action Center March. This is however not yet confirmed. Therefore, for regular updates on this as well as other events please send a request to be subscribed to the Barricada e-mail list to [barricadacollective@hotmail.com](mailto:barricadacollective@hotmail.com) or check the Inaugurauction website at [www.inaugurauction.org](http://www.inaugurauction.org)

Also, we would like to take this opportunity to make it clear that the decision to march at the IAC march does not represent an endorsement of the IAC. We are simply choosing to use the IAC march as the initial assembly point for the bloc because of issues of safety and convenience, as the IAC meeting location will be legal and crowded. We will however be an independent bloc with our own banner and our own revindications. During the course of the march "For Class War, For a Classless, Stateless Society," information about the rest of the days events will be distributed through fliers and word of mouth.

Needless to say, Washington on January 20th will be a city swamped with all the branches of the repressive forces of the state, including over 4,000 policemen. Therefore, we are providing some information that we feel it is important for people to have in order to minimize the risk of unwanted run-ins with police and to help those who come to Washington for this day.

-There will be what is being termed a "Hub," for meeting during the day, although not necessarily a convergence center. Again, for the address once it is available, contact Barricada or Inaugurauction.

-Groups of 25 people or less do not need a permit to demonstrate along the inaugural parade route. Inaugurauction intends to eventually disperse into groups of 25 or less along the parade route and have a presence by being spread out around the city. The bloc will decide, through consensus decision making when the time comes, what direction to take once the march has ended. However, it is important that people who intend to come in "black bloc" are dressed in a manner that would make it at least to some extent feasible to mix in with the crowd. For example, patches and easily identifiable pieces of clothing are not suggested. This is always the case, but even more so for January 20th.

-Banners and flags our obviously suggested and welcome, but they may become a nuisance later in the day if you do not have a place to leave them and they are large and/or heavy. Therefore, think about whether you want to have them with you or not.

-A legal team is in place in case it comes to be needed on the 20th. Unfortunately, the exact phone number that people need to have on them in case of an emergency is not yet available. Once more, for information as soon as it becomes available, contact us or Inaugurauction.

**FOR CLASS WAR  
FOR A CLASSLESS, STATELESS  
SOCIETY**



# A CALL FOR A UNITED REVOLUTIONARY PRESENCE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

**WE ALREADY KNOW WHO WON... CAPITALISM AND THE RULING CLASS**

**TAKE TO THE STREETS OF WASHINGTON AGAINST  
CAPITALISM, AGAINST THE STATE, AND AGAINST  
THE DEATH MACHINE OF GLOBALIZATION**

## **CLASS WAR NOW FOR A CLASSLESS, STATELESS SOCIETY**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2001. WASHINGTON D.C. 10 A.M. PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AND 14TH ST NW**

On Saturday, January 20th, 2001 thousands of people from all over the United States will converge on the streets of Washington, D.C to protest against the dictatorship of the corporate class, the circus of US representative “democracy”, and the international death machine that is the US government.

The demonstration in Washington the day of the presidential inauguration is a great opportunity to demonstrate our opposition, not only to whoever it is that may eventually win the presidency, but to the entire state system, from the dictatorship of capital, to the sham of representative democracy by making Washington ours during inauguration day and disrupting the ceremony of the ruling class. In the spirit of the mobilizations of the past year, from Seattle, to Washington, to Cincinnati, and everywhere in between, we are calling for revolutionaries to stand together as a bloc and refuse to serve as mere numbers for reformist and authoritarian organizations that don't represent our desires, aims, or aspirations. Instead, we propose a demonstration that not only highlights our opposition to the present order, but also puts forth revolutionary anti-authoritarian alternatives.

Therefore, we are calling for anti-authoritarian revolutionaries to bring their banners and flags, be they black, red, red and black, black and green, or whatever else and gather in Washington at 10 am on Saturday, January 20th, 2001 at Pennsylvania Ave. and 14th St. NW under the slogan “Class War Now...For a Classless, Stateless Society.” We are not calling for any particular tactics, simply for revolutionary anti-authoritarians to come prepared to march on the Presidential Inauguration and for a festival of resistance, struggle, and revolutionary alternatives to the capitalist system.

It will take a lot of work to make this mobilization a success and a show of force for the North American revolutionary movement. If you wish to help make the January 20th initiative succeed , spread the word, organize caravans to Washington, copy and distribute this call, make banners and flags, keep in touch as details of the mobilization become available, contact us to endorse the call, and come to Washington on January 20th ready for a festival of resistance.

**The Barricada Collective**

**Sabate Anarchist Collective (NEFAC)**

**The Onward Collective (Gainesville)**

**Anarchist Black Cross Federation-Houston**

**ABCF People of Color Caucus**

**Radio Sexto Sol (Houston)**

**People Against Racist Terror**

**Anarchist Soccer League (New Brunswick)**

**Agitate! (Baltimore)**

**SEE PAGE 15 FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE MOBILIZATION**

Photocopying and Distribution of this call is highly recommended, simply white out or fold the bottom